

### **REMARKS**

With this Response, Applicants respectfully request that claims 12-18 and 25-28 be canceled without prejudice. Therefore, claims 1-11, 19-24, and 29-35 are pending.

### **ELECTION/RESTRICTION**

The Office Action asserts that the claims are directed to different inventions, according to the following groups:

- Group I: Claims 1-11, 19-24, and 29-35, classified as class 257, subclass 723;
- Group II: Claims 12-18, classified as class 438, subclass 107; and
- Group III: Claims 25-28, classified as class 438, subclass 381.

Applicants hereby elect Group I without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to present the non-elected claims in a divisional application.

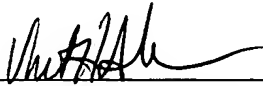
### **CONCLUSION**

Applicants have made an election without traverse. Applicants submit that the elected claims recite patentable subject matter. Allowance of these claims is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if such contact would further the examination of the above-referenced application.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overcharges to our Deposit Account number 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,  
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